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SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT "ON TARGET"

CHARLESTON, IL--On April 25 of this year, Eastern Illinois University closed Summer School Admissions to undergraduate students for the first time.

Eastern President Stan Rives, faced with limited resources and no budgeting relief in sight, said at the time he had no choice.

"If we do not limit our enrollment to the same level as 1987, we will face much larger classes ... creating undue burdens on the faculty, less individual attention for each student, and an overall loss of quality in our educational effort," he said.

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SUMMER SCHOOL

Although Rives admits that selecting the April cutoff date was more of an art than a science, final Summer School statistics released this week show his selection was "right on target".

According to Eastern's Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert L. Kindrick, "The President did the faculty and students a great service by making the determination to close summer admission when he did. With the limited resources available to the institution, President Rives' decision helped us maintain the high quality in which we take great pride in our Summer Session."

According to Kindrick, not only did the April cutoff date result in the 1988 summer enrollment coming within seven students of the desired 1987 figure of 3702 (i.e. 3695), but the credit hours completed in 1988, 25,591, also compared favorably with the 25,410 of 1987.

In addition, because the 1988 Summer School faculty of 186 full time equivalents was actually the same as the 1987 FTE's, the cutoff resulted in no loss of employment for Eastern faculty members. The actual number of faculty employed one-third-time or more in summer 1988 increased from the 1987 total of 263 to 271.